

Having A Basic Understanding of Some Old Testament Truths

Part 7 – God Answers Moses’ Concerns Through the Tenth Plague Issued (Exodus 6-11)

1. What does God tell Moses to assure him that Israel will be set free?

- *“Then the Lord said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land. And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the Lord: And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the Lord your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the Lord” (Exodus 6:1-8).*
- Throughout our study we will see the request to go and hold a feast for the Lord. Let us remember God’s goal is not just a temporary release, but to give His children the land He promised.

2. Why did the children of Israel not hearken unto Moses as he went to reveal what God told him?

- They hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage (Exodus 6:9).

3. Did Moses continue to question his abilities to do what God asked of him?

- Yes, (Exodus 6:11-12).
 - By Moses saying he had uncircumcised lips he was saying he is unable to speak. An uncircumcised ear is one that does not hear clearly (Jeremiah 6:10), an uncircumcised heart one slow to receive and understand warnings (Acts 7:51), uncircumcised lips therefore would be such as cannot speak clearly.

4. Who were the birth parents of Aaron and Moses?

- Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses (Exodus 6:20).

5. The Lord said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a **god** to Pharaoh: and **Aaron** thy brother shall be thy prophet (Exodus 7:1).

6. What was Moses and Aaron expected to speak unto Pharaoh?

- All that God commanded them (Exodus 7:2).

7. Who would harden Pharaoh’s heart?

- God (**Exodus 7:3-5**).

8. Who was the eldest, Moses or Aaron?

- Aaron was three years older (**Exodus 7:7**).

9. What happened when Aaron casted down Moses' rod before Pharaoh to show him a miracle?

- *“When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent. And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the Lord had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. And he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said”* (**Exodus 7:9-13**).
- Remember that false prophets, magicians, etc. could do wonders (**Mark 13:22** and **I John 4:1-3**; cf. **I Corinthians 12:10**).

10. What was the first plague issued against Pharaoh for not letting the children of Israel go?

- *“And the Lord said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened, he refuseth to let the people go. Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand. And thou shalt say unto him, The Lord God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear. Thus saith the Lord, In this thou shalt know that I am the Lord: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall lothe to drink of the water of the river. And the Lord spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone. And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the Lord had said. And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also. And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river. And seven days were fulfilled, after that the Lord had smitten the river”* (**Exodus 7:14-25**).

11. What was the second plague issued against Pharaoh for not letting the children of Israel go?

- “And the Lord spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me. And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, **I will smite all thy borders with frogs:** And the river shall bring forth frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneadingtroughs: And the frogs shall come up both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants. And the Lord spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt. And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt. And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt. Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the Lord, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may do sacrifice unto the Lord. And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me: when shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, that they may remain in the river only? And he said, To morrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word: that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the Lord our God. And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only. And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried unto the Lord because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh. And the Lord did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields. And they gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank. But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had said” (Exodus 8:1-15).*

12. What was the third plague issued against Pharaoh for not letting the children of Israel go?

- “And the Lord said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and **smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice** throughout all the land of Egypt. And they did so; for Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt” (Exodus 8:16-17).*

13. Could the magicians do what God had done in the third plague as we’ve seen them do in the first two?

- No, (Exodus 8:18-19).**

14. What was the fourth plague issued against Pharaoh for not letting the children of Israel go?

- “And the Lord said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me. Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, **I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are.** And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the Lord in the midst of the earth. And I will put a division between my people and*

thy people: to morrow shall this sign be. And the Lord did so; and there came a grievous swarm of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of flies” (Exodus 8:20-24).

15. Was Pharaoh moved by the fourth plague enough to let the children of Israel go?

- No, he was deceptive and made a promise to allow the children of Israel to go and worship which he did not keep (Exodus 8:25-32).

16. What was the fifth plague issued against Pharaoh for not letting the children of Israel go?

- *“Then the Lord said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still, **Behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: there shall be a very grievous Murrain** [severe pestilence; disease – B.A.Y.]. And the Lord shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that is the children's of Israel. And the Lord appointed a set time, saying, To morrow the Lord shall do this thing in the land. And the Lord did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one. And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go” (Exodus 9:1-7).*

17. What was the sixth plague issued against Pharaoh for not letting the children of Israel go?

- *“And the Lord said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall **be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt.** And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast. And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians. And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had spoken unto Moses” (Exodus 9:8-12).*

18. What was the seventh plague issued against Pharaoh for not letting the children of Israel go?

- *“And the Lord said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. For I will at this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth. For now **I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth.** And in very deed for this cause have I raised thee up, for to shew in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go? **Behold, to morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now.** Send therefore now, and gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; for upon every*

*man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, **the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.** He that feared the word of the Lord among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses: And he that regarded not the word of the Lord left his servants and his cattle in the field. And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt. **And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the Lord sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the Lord rained hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation.** And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field” (Exodus 9:13-25).*

19. Where was it that no hail had fallen?

- In the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were (Exodus 9:26).

20. How long did Pharaoh’s “repentance” because of this seventh plague last?

- He said he was a sinner and his people were wicked and he would let Israel go until the hail stopped (Exodus 9:27-28; 34-35).
- Even Moses knew his repentance was false (Exodus 9:29-30).

21. What was the eighth plague issued against Pharaoh for not letting the children of Israel go?

- *“And the Lord said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him: And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I am the Lord. And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me. Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to morrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast: And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which groweth for you out of the field: And they shall fill thy houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh” (Exodus 10:1-6).*

22. What did the servants of Pharaoh realize about the land of Egypt before this eighth plague was realized?

- That Egypt was destroyed (Exodus 10:7).

23. How much destruction was caused by this eighth plague?

- The locust did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt (Exodus 10:15).

24. What was the ninth plague issued against Pharaoh for not letting the children of Israel go?
- *“And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness which may be felt. And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings” (Exodus 10:21-23).*
25. What threat did Pharaoh make to Moses if he would come back again?
- That Moses would die (**Exodus 10:28-29**).
 - *Note: Moses does not leave Pharaoh at this point; he remains in his presence to deliver the tenth plague seen through chapter 11 verse 8.
26. Would the tenth plague show any finality for the children of Israel?
- Yes, God told Moses He would bring one plague more upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt and Pharaoh would thrust them out of Egypt after this one (**Exodus 11:1**).
27. Why did God tell the children of Israel to borrow jewels of silver and gold from their neighbors?
- *“Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels of silver and jewels of gold. And the Lord gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people” (Exodus 11:2-3).*
28. What was the tenth and final plague issued against Pharaoh for not letting the children of Israel go?
- *“And Moses said, Thus saith the Lord, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: And all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts. And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel. And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger” (Exodus 11:4-8).*